

the President, it remains among the private archives.

In these remarks, Friend Samuel, I have perhaps unnecessarily wandered. My design was to shew the inconsistency of some men. Although the Mississippi is confessedly of such vast consequence to so many of our western fellow citizens,—the only vent for their produce,—we refused to fight for the free navigation of its waters. Now, when the St. Lawrence is considered an interesting acquisition to the northern people, we can see no other possible way of obtaining it but by the sword; while a purchase would not only be the most popular, and save the effusion of blood, but would very probably least affect our public treasury.

There is another singularity which is not a little surprising. We purchased Louisiana, and now we must conquer the Canadas to balance that acquisition. This argument, if it can be so called, has emanated from a high authority. But to what an extent would such a doctrine lead us? Once admit it, and the American Emblem must undergo an alteration: The talons of the Eagle must grasp a purse and a sword: We must purchase in one direction, and conquer in another: and when the whole of terra firma belonging to this extensive continent had yielded to our imaginary necessities, we should find that the West-Indies would be indispensable as convenient baiting places. I trust, Friend Samuel, this policy never will become popular. It would eventuate, I am convinced, in the ultimate ruin of our present form of government. We should sink with our own weight, as has been the case with other nations.

Thine, SIMON PURE.

COMMUNICATION.

"Resist the Devil and he will flee from you." It appears Bonaparte's invincible, tremendous legions, are found, at last, to be nothing but frail men; and that the heroes of Austerlitz, Jena and Friedland, have, as soon as properly resisted, nearly all "covered themselves with glory," and mingled with the clouds of the valley; so that they may almost be said to be *neither here nor there*.

The unlooked-for opposition which he finds on the peninsula has rendered *Bona* unable to fulfil his threat of *overwhelming it by numbers*, and somewhat scarce about *taking the field in person*; for the combined armies have got into the way of manufacturing "glory" nearly fast enough to cover all his conscription, by the time he can grow them and get them on the ground.

That most "diabolically profound" of all schemers is, however, not *really* at rest, though he is apparently doing little, but gallanting his Dutch mistress round the continent. His machinery is principally self-moving: he takes care that it shall not cost him much, although he hopes to realize the proceeds. He shook Russia and Turkey by the ears, who are accordingly weakening each other to his hand. The United States and England have been at it for years, by his instigation: his policy, as usual, is to pounce upon his victims as fast as they become tame, if his means should not be shortened.

As Congress are doing little now-a-days, we would suggest the idea of sending for Mr. Fulton and his clock-work, spring and anchoring torpedoes, harpoons and all. He would amuse them by exemplifying his dreadful machinery several days for a few thousand dollars; and it might put to rest the declaration of several sensible old Engineers hereabouts, who say that all his death-boding artillery is a mere hum.

Congress of the United States.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, February 19, 1812.

[REPORTED FOR THIS GAZETTE.]

Mr. Quincy presented the petitions of sundry persons in Massachusetts, praying an additional duty on salt. Referred to the committee of the whole, to whom was

referred the report of the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Widgery presented the petition of Nathaniel Cogswell of Newburyport. He states that in 1798 his vessel was captured by a Spanish man of war, and robbed of \$80,000 in specie, and \$5,000 other articles. He prays relief. Referred to the secretary of state.

Mr. Mitchell presented a petition similar to those presented by Mr. Quincy.

Mr. Rhea reported a bill for altering the time of holding the circuit court in the District of Tennessee. Twice read and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Wright reported a bill for the protection, recovery and indemnification of American seamen. [We do not expect that this bill will be adopted, nor much debated.]

Mr. Porter from the committee of Foreign Relations, reported a bill supplementary to the 25,000 bill. [Providing certain clothing and suspending certain appointments.] Twice read and referred to the committee of the whole for to-morrow.

A message was received from the President of the U. States, containing the report of the Secretary at war, relative to a system of field exercise. Ordered to be printed.

The Speaker laid before the house a report of the Secretary at war, containing a statement of expenditures in repairing arms &c. in the different arsenals of the U. States. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hall (G.) offered the following resolution. Resolved that the committee of ways and means be instructed to enquire into the expediency of authorising the citizens of the several states to furnish, for the use of the navy, marines and army of the U. States the various necessary articles of cloathing, the expenditures of cloathing &c. to be apportioned among the several states and territories, in conformity to the constitutional principles of levying direct taxes, and whether, and how far it may be practicable or expedient for any, and what articles of provision or supply for the army and navy, to be furnished by the citizens of the several states and territories, in lieu of duties, excise or taxes. Resolution laid on the table.

The House went into committee of the whole, Mr. Breckenridge in the chair, on the report of the committee of claims in favor of Jared Shattuck. After considerable debate, the committee rose without deciding; reported progress and had leave to sit again.

Adjourned.

Married, yesterday morning in this town, by the Rev. Dr. Muir, CHARLES EWELE, Esq. son of Col. James Ewell, dec. of Prince William county, Virginia, to the amiable Miss BRIDGET BORROWDALE, of London.

The sailing from Cadiz of the Spanish expedition to La Vera Cruz, is mentioned in the English papers. The number of troops, however, is stated at only 1300. The merchants of Cadiz raised a sum of money to defray the expenses of the enterprise.

Paris papers say that the accounts of their different commanders, as to the loss of their frigates off Madagascar, are so contradictory, they know not what to believe. The captain of La Clorinde is to be tried "for preferring his life to his honor."

Mr. Dutache, who had been for some time on parole in England, on returning to France, was immediately taken up and shot, for some alledged act committed against the French government.

In the beginning of December, there was lying at Morlaix, the French privateer schooner *Le Furet*, said to be principally manned with American, Irish and English.

A Mr. Walsh, member of the British house of commons, has been guilty of a breach of trust, in appropriating to his own use 15,000l. put into his hands. He

bought American stock, and intended coming to the United States.

A smart shock of an earthquake was experienced in England November 30.

Accounts from Gottenburg are to the 18th of December. No change had taken place favorable to the American commerce to the Baltic. It is believed, the influence of Bonaparte over the court of Denmark, will prevent Mr. Erving from accomplishing any satisfactory arrangement. No account had been received of the loss of any American vessel in the Baltic by the storms, although several had suffered greatly.

Extract of a letter to a merchant in Boston dated Copenhagen, Oct. 13, 1811.

"SIR—I take the earliest opportunity to inform you of the capture, and I fear the loss of your barque. I sailed from Liebau on the 28th Sept. and was taken by two French privateers, on the 2d Oct. about ten miles from Copenhagen.—They have sent the papers on to Paris, for trial and are going on to unload the vessel, notwithstanding I have taken every method to prevent it.

"The reason they give me for taking the vessel, is, that it is the express order of the Emperor to capture all vessels coming into or going from the Baltic.

"No doubt, sir, but you will hear before this comes to hand of my capture, & likewise of the sacrifices which are daily taking place in this quarter. There are now eight or ten sail of French privateers here, taking every American they can, that passes up or down. There are two ships released, which have been captured by the Danes, and are bound to Philadelphia, if they can escape the French privateers,, by whom I shall write."

Extract of a letter from his excellency the governor of Louisiana, to a gentleman in Lexington, dated

"St. Louis, January 12, 1812.

"I have just received despatches from Fort Madison, informing me that the Winchago Indians have done much mischief above the garrison. Those Indians are supposed to have been in the late action. I expect hot work in the spring, and shall endeavor to be ready for it. 'Tis vain to suppose our difficulties are over?—the belief that they have but just commenced, is much more rational."

We understand that Commodore Decatur has ordered the sloop of war *Wasp* to cruise on the coast, for the purpose of relieving vessels that may be in distress.

Norfolk Ledger.

Governor Langdon having declined a re-election, the Hon. William Plumer Esq. has been nominated as the Democratic Candidate for the Chief Magistracy of New Hampshire.

Hon. Henry Dearborn, has accepted the office of Major General of the 14th Division of Massachusetts Militia, and has appointed Henry A. S. Dearborn, and Samuel D. Harris, Esq's. his Aids de Camp, with the rank of Major.

Boston Gazette.

Boston, Feb. 11.

A large and respectable convention of citizens from all parts of the commonwealth, after ascertaining that our late worthy governor Christopher Gore, declined being a candidate for the chair, unanimously resolved to recommend for the suffrages of their fellow-citizens, the ensuing year, CALEB STRONG for Governor, and WILLIAM PHILLIPS for lieutenant-governor.

LONGEVITY.

There were living lately at Bethnal Green, a man, his wife, and daughter, whose ages together made 284, the father being 103, the mother 101, and the daughter 80.

An eruption took place at Mount Etna, on the 3d of November last, which is described as being more violent and destructive to the villages below the Crater, than any which had happened for several years.

The Island lately formed by volcanic eruption, about two miles W. of St. Michaels, has been christened "Sabrina Island," by captain Tillard, of the British sloop of war *Sabrina*, who landed upon the Island on the 4th July, (the eruption having then ceased) and took possession of it, in the name of his Britannic majesty. They found it very steep; its height no less than two or three hundred feet; the ground or rather the ashes composed of sulphurous matter, dross of Iron, &c. The whole Island (in circumference from 2 to 3 miles) is, however; but a crater, and it was conjectured, would soon break out again. In

the place where this island has appeared, the water was formerly 240 feet deep.

We learn from Dr. Chapman, that on Saturday afternoon last he was called to Dr. Rousseau, whose life for several hours was in the utmost jeopardy, in consequence of his having dined on Pheasants, which were found to have fed on the poisonous berry of the laurel.

We state this fact in order to caution the public against the use of the Pheasant at the present time, and to suggest the municipal authorities of the city, the propriety of prohibiting these birds being brought to market during the existence of deep snows.

Phila. paper.

PERJURY UNDER THE PRESENT INSOLVENCY LAW.

It is stated in the Albany Gazette, that at the circuit court held in Albany last week, a person was convicted of perjury under this act and sentenced to the state prison for five years.

CAVALRY ORDERS!!

THE members of the Alexandria Dragoons are requested to parade DISMOUNTED and with side arms at ten o'clock, A. M. on the 22d inst. at the Market Square.

By order,

Robert Conway,
CORNET,
3d.

February 20

NOTICE.

THE subscriber will continue to prosecute the Practice of Law in Prince William, Fairfax and Stafford counties. As a collector, he pledges the most unremitting industry and exact punctuality.

James E. Heath.

Dumfries, Feb. 12—20.

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Twenty Dollars Reward.

RAN away from Palmer's Pack, a few days since, a BLACK GIRL, who calls herself Nancy Green, about 18 or 20 years of age. She is tall and very slim; with a round face, and full eyes. She had on an old calico gown, a pair of new coarse Stockings, and at the time of her elopement a colored handkerchief on her head. She may probably change her dress. Any person securing the said Negro Girl, in any jail, shall receive the above Reward, on application to the Printer.

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PUBLIC SALE.

By virtue of a Deed of Trust from John Potts and Eliza his wife, to secure the payment of certain sums of money due to the Bank of Alexandria, and pursuant to an order of the circuit court of the district of Columbia for the county of Alexandria, will be exposed at Public Sale on Friday the 28th day of February at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, if fair, if not the next fair day, on the Premises.

One undivided Moiety of NINE ACRES of LAND, near the Powder House. Terms of Sale, Cash.

The Commissioner.

ALSO,

By virtue of a Deed of Trust to Robert Milligan, to secure the payment of certain sums of money, therein mentioned. And pursuant to an order of the aforesaid court will be sold at the same time and place at Public Sale.

One other undivided moiety of the said nine acres of land.

The Commissioners.

Feb 20.

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For Freight or Charter,

THE NEW SCHOONER,
MARY,



JOHN MATTHEWS, jun. Master; stows 800 Barrels—in every respect an excellent vessel, and will be ready to receive a Cargo in a few days.

For terms apply to

JACKSON & RUMNEY,

At the Store of Mr. A. P. Gover.

February 14.

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The Birth Night Ball will

be on the 24th instant, in consequence of the 22d happening on Saturday. Hacks provided as usual. Application to be made at the bar of Mr. Triplett's Hotel.

February 19.

Fall Meadow Oat Seed.

I HAVE about 100 Bushels of the Seed of the Fall Meadow Oat for Sale at 3 dollars per bushel for small quantities or 2 dollars and a half for any quantity exceeding 10 Bushels. I have found this the Earliest and the Latest Grass in its growth, of any I have had experience of, and consider it particularly valuable for Milch Cows and Sheep; for the latter it will afford a good pasture all the winter, if permitted to grow uninterrupted in the Fall Months.

W. H. Foote.

February 17.

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